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National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 1 -7 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This recognizes and celebrates the nation's first Weights and Measure law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has adopted the theme of "Common Cents" for the County's observance, which has important significance in recognizing that an investment in weights and measures regulatory oversight of mere cents, not dollars, per resident each year delivers many times that value in protections to our County's citizens and competing businesses. It also highlights the fact that small errors in transaction charges, commodity package contents, and scale and gas pump accuracies can result in millions of dollars of overcharges, all minimized through the dedicated work of the County's Weights and Measures Inspectors.

The Los Angeles County Department of Weights and Measures was established in 1915, with a primary mission to ensure a level playing field for competing businesses and assurance to consumers of accurate transactions. From its origins, the Department has worked to maintain equity in the marketplace and provide significant protections to buyers and sellers, alike. The dedication of Weights and Measures officials throughout our county and across the nation and the value of their important services to both consumers and business operators are worthy of recognition.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 1-7, 2013, as "Weights and Measures Week" throughout the County of Los Angeles, urging all to recognize these significant contributions to fair and accurate business activities throughout our communities.

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